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APPARATUS EQUIPPED THEREWITH,
FLAT LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS, AND
DISPLAY APPARATUS

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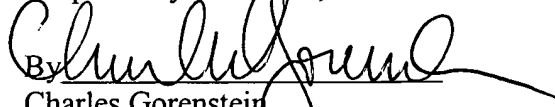
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